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## Financial Assistance available through the Agricultural Energy Management Plan Initiative

### Application Deadline

June 18, 2010

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### Overview

NRCS announces an Agricultural Energy Management Plan initiative to help agricultural producers transition to become more energy efficient. A total of \$60,000 is available in Utah to support this initiative. Funding will assist with on-farm energy audit evaluations and development of an Agricultural Energy Management Plan (AgEMP).

Implementation will occur in two stages.

1) The short-term goal of providing on-farm energy audits will help with identifying how the operations can become more energy efficient. These audits will be tailored to ensure coverage of each farm's primary uses such as milk cooling, irrigation pumping, manure collection and transfer, grain drying, and similar common on-farm activities.

2) Longer term goals will involve development of an AgEMP for cost effective implementation of the audit recommendations. This is an analysis of current farm infrastructure and management with recommendations about how to reduce energy consumption on the farm. It determines and documents current energy usage over the past annual cycle, and provides cost effective options to reducing operating costs while saving energy. This includes purchased fuels, electricity, and renewable energy sources used to perform farm activities.

Your AgEMP will be developed by a qualified professional. You may choose from an approved list of certified, registered Technical Service Providers (TSPs). Names are available from your local NRCS office or from the Technical Service Provider Registry (<http://techreg.usda.gov/>)



### Financial Assistance

Financial assistance will be provided through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). NRCS will reimburse participants a set rate upon completion of an Agricultural Energy Management Plan conducted by a Certified Technical Service Provider according to NRCS standards and specifications.

### Eligibility

Applicants and the land to be enrolled must meet EQIP eligibility and all AgEMP Initiative requirements.

### How to Apply

To apply for financial assistance or obtain additional information, please contact your local USDA Service Center. Applicants may apply for the Agricultural Energy Management Initiative funding through **June 18, 2010**.

You may also visit the NRCS Utah Web site at: [www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov)

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